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Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

Reference: COCOM 3471.

1. The CHAIRMAN drew the attention of the Committee to the German proposal to export four sets of fish finding equipment to Poland. He invited Delegates to give the views of their authorities.
2. The DANISH, FRENCH, JAPANESE, NETHERLANDS, NORWEGIAN and UNITED KINGDOM Delegates stated that their authorities had no objection to this export.
3. The UNITED STATES Delegate said that his authorities considered this type of equipment to be highly strategic. In the December 1958 issue of the official journal of the Polish shipbuilding industry it was stated that thirty trawlers of the type involved in the German proposal were being constructed for export to the Soviet Union and the United States authorities did not therefore consider that this export was appropriate under the Committee's special Polish policy.
4. The TURKISH Delegate said that his authorities objected to this export because of the highly strategic nature of the equipment concerned.
5. The BELGIAN and CANADIAN Delegates said that they could agree with the majority of the Committee. The ITALIAN Delegate stated that his authorities had no objection to the proposed export.
6. The GERMAN Delegate thanked the Members of the Committee for the replies which they had given. He said that his authorities would appreciate further details of the information to which the United States Delegate had referred. In conclusion he reserved the right to refer to the matter again at a later date.

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